

Plotted Massacre

How the Korean Boxers Planned to Duplicate Chinese Horrors.

French Demand Concession in South China for Protecting Canton.

Third Officer of the Steamship Athenian Dies by Swallowing Toothpick.

Included in the budget of advices received by the steamer Tacoma from China is the story told by the Seoul correspondent of the North China Daily News of how the Korean Boxers had planned to massacre and drive foreigners from Korea.

The Hongkong Press gives news of a burglary at the United States consulate in that city in December.

The consul and wife had given a dinner party on the night of the burglary, and had retired in the early morning, leaving everything in order.

Next morning the consul found everything in confusion, and a search of the morning showed how the burglars had come in. No clue was found to the perpetrators.

A Canton correspondent of the Hongkong Telegraph tells of the French consular authorities in that city during the recent troubles.

When troubles began to multiply about Canton, the French consular authorities were rumors that the French would land troops to control the city and prevent an extension and neighborhood of the late which has overtaken John George Pitberick, lately a resident there.

He was sent to the penitentiary for two years by Judge Harrison on Friday, on pleading guilty to two charges of theft.

The French readily concede that they are demanding a new concession. Shamen is too small for them. Nor is this all.

The Japanese, thinking this a favorable time, and encouraged by the French demand, have also asked for a concession, and the Germans are ready to take place.

Thus Canton will pay dearly for the protection of the warships.

While the American transport Athenian is in the C. P. R. service, Mr. Bennett, her third officer, has been killed in an extraordinary manner.

He was walking up and down the deck, chewing a small Japanese toothpick, and he was at once struck by a further medical assistance.

The toothpick passed through the unfortunate man's throat and into the stomach. Almost immediately inflammation set in, and despite all attention Mr. Bennett died from the effects.

The Canton correspondent of the Hongkong Press writes that there is a report there that Sun Yat Sen, leader of the southern rebellion, has written the viceroys, offering to surrender if given privileges of citizenship.

The viceroys replied that before his offer of surrender could be considered he must bring evidence of repentance.

The correspondent says that the viceroys mean that he must bring in the heads of Kang Yu Wei and Liang Ki Chew.

MAJOR BENNETT Thinks Inspection of Canadian Recruits Should Be Before Leaving.

Major Bennett said this morning that it was quite true that he had applied through the militia department at Ottawa for permission to raise 100 men for mounted police work with Baden-Powell.

He mentioned 100 men only, but hoped for a larger order, he believed 250 picked men could be chosen from all over British Columbia, who would make a model police corps.

He had present, without solicitation, 40 applications from likely men in his province.

Major Bennett said, however, if the Imperial government insisted upon the men paying their way to Capetown, and being subject to the inspection there before being accepted, the scheme was off.

For it would be impossible to get a man to volunteer, the inspection of Canadian officers was eminently satisfactory when other drafts were made, and why he should not do the same in the present instance he did not know.

Policy of The Mayor

He Outlines His Views of Civic Improvement for Present Year.

Victoria Should Continue the March of Progress Already Begun.

Many Important Projects That Must Soop Receive Attention.

"You will, of course, present yourself for re-election at the forthcoming municipal election, will you not?" "That is my intention."

"Well, have you any objection to stating to Colonist readers what will be the policy you will advocate in civic matters during 1901, should you retain your position as chief magistrate?"

"None whatever."

Such were the opening words of an interview between a Colonist reporter and His Worship Mayor Hayward, at the latter's office in the city hall yesterday evening.

"If re-elected," said His Worship, "I shall be my aim to amplify and continue the policy of civic progress which I favored on taking up the reins of office at the beginning of the year which has just closed. It is exceedingly gratifying to me to believe, as I do, that that policy has met with public approval."

"The necessity for the demolition of the many unsightly and unsanitary shacks which were up in the city, and the laying out of a new street plan, which have been carried out, I think, in a most judicious and approved manner."

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Fighting in Africa

Eastern Invaders Are Forced to Retire From Middleburg District

Heads of the Colonies in South Africa Are Announced.

Suggestion That the Canadian Premier Should Act as Peace Commissioner.

London, Jan. 5.—The Earl of Kintore and Pretoria (Lord Roberts) is already interested in his arduous duties at the war office. He will take no holidays.

There is no further news from Lord Kintore, who, according to a Cape town despatch, is calling for five thousand men to guard the Rand mines.

Information regarding the invasion is scanty. Col. Williams attacked the eastern invaders on January 1 near Middleburg, but failed to dislodge them. He has since been joined by Lieut.-Col. Grenfell and the Boers have retired.

Gen. Buller has arrived at Great Reinet. Advice from Maseru, Basutoland, dated yesterday, says that three separate columns are still pursuing Gen. Dewet, but with no success beyond taking 28 prisoners. Cannon-firing is continually heard.

The British have deserted Ficksburg, taking their stock of grain across the border, and the Boers have looted the town.

According to the Daily Mail's correspondent at the Hague, the directors of the Netherlands South African railway have applied to the Amsterdam office for suspension of payments.

Lord Roberts, in a communication to the public, expressing his thanks for the services of the Boers, and calls for contributions to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, according to the efforts of the Prince of Wales to take care of the families of the men who are fighting.

The Daily Chronicle advises that favorable attention should be given to a movement reported by the Montreal correspondent to name Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Dominion premier, as arbitrator of the colonial office consent to proceed to South Africa as a commissioner empowered to intervene with a view to the restoration of peace.

Capetown, Jan. 4.—Two hundred Boers have re-crossed the Orange river, going north.

The Russian commanders, Petrowski and Dupont, were killed in the fight at Utrecht on December 23.

London, Jan. 4.—The following colonial appointments were announced this evening: Sir Alfred Milner to be governor of the Transvaal and British high commissioner to the Cape.

Hon. Sir Walter Francis Hely-Hutchinson (governor of Natal and Zululand since 1893) to be governor of Cape Colony.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edward McCann (governor of New South Wales since 1898, and aide-de-camp to the Queen since 1900) to be governor of Natal.

Major Hamilton John Gold Adams (resident commissioner of the Bechnana land protectorate) to be lieutenant-governor of the Orange River Colony.

Chitanga, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Eleven members of the Canadian Mounted Rifles have taken discharge in South Africa.

Major Chamberlain sent a telegram to Lord Minto that widows and dependents of the Canadian soldiers who died through the war are eligible for grants from the Royal Patriotic Fund.

London, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The troops coming on the Royal Castle will be met at the disembarkation pier at the dockyard by the military and civic authorities.

London, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The line of the railway route to be built from the Cape to the Orange River will be served at the armories, after which the men will leave in three special trains.

Old Country Underwriters Fear the Loss of Their Business.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—A Montreal Star cablegram from London says: "British underwriters are much concerned over the cabled announcement of the formation of a Canadian Lloyd's. The Financier says to-day that it would be well for English companies to exercise caution in discriminating against St. Lawrence ports, and deal with the Canadians, if not in a generous, at least in a fair manner. The profits of underwriting in connection with the St. Lawrence channel, adds the Financier, may as well come here as elsewhere."

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